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In re Patent Application of:

Yasushi SUGAYA, et al.

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For: OPTICAL AMPLIFIER PROVIDED WITH CONTROL FUNCTION OF PUMPING LIGHT,  
AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM USING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2005 and having a response due December 29, 2005.

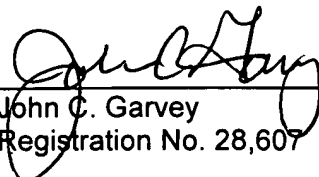
In the Office Action, the Examiner required election of one of 11 disclosed species. Applicants hereby elect species I (Figs. 1-8). It is submitted that claims 2-11 and 14-16 read on elected species I.

Favorable examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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